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Docket: XA-9591

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :  
Hiroshi SEKINE : Confirmation No.: 3034  
: Examiner: Gregory John BINDA  
Serial No.: 10/002,012 : Group Art Unit: 3679  
Filed: December 5, 2001 :  
For: CROSS JOINT :  
McLean, Virginia  
September 13, 2004

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

This Amendment is filed in response to the Official  
Action dated April 13, 2004, directed to the above-  
identified application. Please amend the application as  
indicated below.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the  
listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

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